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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

John M. Krochta, et al.

Application No.: 09/879,796

Filed: June 11, 2001

For: METHODS AND
FORMULATIONS FOR PROVIDING
GLOSS COATINGS TO FOODS AND
FOR PROTECTING NUTS FROM
RANCIDITY

Customer No.: 20350

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.